

Heyward Career and Technology celebrates National and State Construction Week by honoring the construction companies that are helping build our state and our community through their service to the local schools and their programs.

On October 23 and 24, Heyward Career and Technology Center invited business leaders in the construction field to our school to celebrate their continued support to the education of Richland One students through the Residential Construction, Welding, and Computer Assisted Design classes.

This meeting was held in conjunction with the SkillsUSA school-wide meeting with students, honorees, faculty, and special guest, Mr. Lynn Shealy, Construction President of Mashburn Construction..

Honorees were:

Mr. Frank Storey of Franklin "D's" Plumbing and Gas

Over the past three years, Frank Storey and his staff have come out to Heyward Career Center and spent countless hours working hands on with the students in the Residential Plumbing class. Mr. Storey has donated time, material, and man-hours to assisting our students meet the challenges in today world of plumbing. Franklin D's also takes students on a *Hands-On, Working Shadowing Experience* every year, several times a year. He and his outstanding workers work on the job during this time giving the students hands-on experience to the real world of Plumbing.

Mr. Paul Diemer, Site-Superintendent of Mashburn Construction

Mr. Diemer has given many hours in the classroom discussing the field of construction, work ethics, opportunities, and more. Mr. Diemer has arranged field trips for Residential Construction, CAD and Welding classes to work sites such as the new hummer dealership as it was being built. Mr. Diemer and Mashburn have given many hours, materials, and support to our Residential Construction Program.

Mr. Fulmer from Gregory Electric Company Inc.

Mr. Fulmer, Gregory Electric and Mr. Livingston have been big supporters of Heyward and its Electricity programs for years. Under the guidance of Gregory Electric, our students have had hands-on instruction in electricity from some of the best South Carolina has to offer. Gregory has sent many of its employees to Heyward to give lectures, demonstrations, and material support to our program. With the help of Gregory Electric, one of our students attended SkillsUSA competition in 2005 and placed second in the State. This is no small matter because the student only had three months hands on. *Way to go* Jeremy Russell and Gregory, who is now Jeremy's Boss!

Mr. Sam Freeman from Meetze Plumbing

Mr. Freeman could not make the meeting but his and the service of Meetze Plumbing cannot be overlooked. Sam Freeman came on-board with Heyward's Residential Plumbing program 3 years ago and the services they have offered have been a valued tool of the instructor. From the motivational speeches to the material donated and the hands-

on work experience, Sam Freeman and Meetze plumbing can be proud of the support they give to our young people. Meetze Plumbing along with Ferguson Enterprises was the sponsors of the 2005-2006 SkillsUSA Plumbing Competition at the State Fairgrounds.

Mr. Pete Williams of ATHERM Remodelors

Mr. Williams has served Heyward's Residential Construction class as well as serving on the Heyward School Improvement Council for several years. Mr. Williams has given many motivational speeches to the Residential Construction class as well as lecture-demonstrations, and assistance with placement of completers. Mr. Williams also works with our program through Home Builders Associon (HBA) of Columbia and assist our classes in visiting the Greater Columbia Home Show each year.

To honor these construction companies and their support of the Richland One Schools and the Heyward Career Center's Residential Construction classes during South Carolina Construction week, Mrs. Sherry Rivers, Principle, and Mr. Jessie Sweatt, Instructor wish to thank you all for all you do. Each member was given a plaque at the Heyward SkillsUSA school wide meeting to commemorate this event.

It is with heart felt gratitude that I thank each and every construction company that supports our programs and not only helps to build our communities and our state but offer so much to building our future through our students.

Jessie M. Sweatt, Instructor.